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Togiak resident Brian Abraham opines about his fears that the timeless ways of the seasons and subsistence fishing shared for generations in the Bristol Bay watershed will be lost to mineral greed and "bribes" from the Pebble partnership. He writes: "The Bristol Bay Region is wealthy by its beauty, its people, culture and preservation of our natural resources. I'm a "quiet" voice and I believe many of us "Natives" already oppose the mine project."

Alaska Native Pete Andrew reaches out to fellow fishermen with a piece in Pacific Fishing magazine urging the EPA to proactively protect Bristol Bay. "Those of us who depend on clean water for our livelihoods hope this assessment will prove to the EPA what we here already know: This is absolutely the wrong mine in the wrong place."

Rich Moniak praises the work of Rep. Don Young to preserve the wild salmon runs and catches that could be replaced with genetically modified "Frankenfish." Highlighting the importance of sustainable fishing in Alaska, he writes: "Wild salmon is more than a tasty meal; it's a way of life."

As fishing season continues, total catch numbers are increasing, as well as wholesale fish prices, boding well for a successful season for commercial fishermen, processors, guides, sport fishers, and the many other businesses that depend on the industry.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Say No to Pebble

Brian Abraham

Bristol Bay Times

I'm a resident of Bristol Bay in Togiak, Alaska. I love this place especially when spring arrives. There are so

many summer activities going on whether it's commercial or subsistence fishing. Last year's summer was cold and gray and I'm hopeful sunny days will preside this year. Hatchlings are evident and the smell of smoked fish is in the air... Click here to read more

It's time for you to write EPA about Pebble Mine folly

Peter Andrew

Pacific Fishing

Throughout the world, one great salmon fishery remains: my home fishing grounds of Bristol Bay, Alaska. Here, a combination of isolation and wise management have so far protected our fish from the poisons and obstructions that have killed and compromised other salmon runs... Click here to read more

The secret of wild salmon

Rich Moniak

Juneau Empire

U.S. Rep. Don Young has been working overtime this year to protect our state fisheries. Back in February he sponsored legislation to prohibit salmon farming in federally managed waters. And last month he led the charge to keep "Frankenfish," the genetically modified salmon, off the consumer market... Click here to read more

Statewide Salmon harvest tops 38 million fish

Margaret Bauman

Tundra Drums

After a strong start, with the famed run of wild Alaska sockeye salmon coming in early, the blustery weather continued, but the Bristol Bay salmon fishery has slowed down... Click here to read more

Pebble Mine Threatens Alaska Fisheries

Steve Quinn

In-Fisherman

For the last several years, a Canadian firm has been planning to start work on one of the world's largest open-pit copper mines. Estimated values of extracted ore run into the hundreds of billion of dollars. Scientists, anglers, and local Alaskan people have realized that this project, which would cover more than 15 square miles of prime watershed in the Alaska's Bristol Bay drainage, poses insurmountable environmental risks... Click here to read more

Wholesale salmon prices up across the board

Laine Welch

Anchorage Daily News

The first wholesale price for salmon is generally the best indicator of how well it should sell in world markets. Prices in 2011, so far, show nice increases nearly across the board... Click here to read more

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